THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Forest land for tribals in Karnataka

1655. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal families in Karnataka which have been given possession of forest lands, so far, district-wise;

(b) the number of families likely to benefit from this scheme within the next two years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that forest lands given to tribals are neither sold out nor put to illegal use?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) As intimated by the Government of Karnataka, the number of tribal families who have been given possession of forest lands district-wise is as follows:

Sl. No.	District	Number of tribal families
1.	Mysore	154
2.	Kodagu	280

Each tribal family has been provided with 2 hectares of forest land.

(b) The Government of Karnataka has stated that l270 tribal families are likely to be benefited within the next two years.

(c) Land being a State subject, the information in this regard has been obtained from the Government of Karnataka who have intimated that the Karnataka Government has in April 2003 laid down conditions under which forest land can be diverted which envisages no misuse or sale of forest land.

ITDA districts

1656. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) districts in the country;

(b) the location of such districts, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to entrust ITDAs to help tribals of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether it is a fact that ITDAs do not help them; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that ITDAs evolve and broaden their role?